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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, US, SF
SUBJECT: POLICE RAID ON SOWETO YMCA

1. AT ABOUT 12:30 P.M. AUGUST 18, SIX POLICEMEN IN CAMOFLAGE UNIFORM PULLED UP IN A POLICE TRUCK OUTSIDE THE ORLANDO YMCA, WHERE THE USIS READING ROOM IS HOUSED. THE POLICEMEN WENT INSIDE AND ACCORDING TO WITNESS STARTED INDISCRIMINATELY BEATING UP ON ANYONE IN SIGHT. WE HAVE NO ASSESSMENT OF HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE IN THE BUILDING NOR OF HOW MANY HURT, BUT TWO WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, ONE WITH A FRACTURED ARM, THE OTHER WITH MISSING TEETH. THEY DID NOT COME INTO THE READING ROOM AND THE RAID DOES NOT APPEAR AIMED AT THE READING ROOM. MANDLA DUBE, DIRECTOR OF THE YMCA, HAS LODGED A PROTEST WITH POLICE. OUR INFORMATION CAME FROM ZUKO TOFILE, WHO RUNS THE READING ROOM. HE TELEPHONED THE CONSULATE AND USIS JOHANNESBURG IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE RAID. THE DECISION WAS TAKEN TO CLOSE THE READING ROOM FOR THE DAY.

2. COMMENT: WHILE THIS INCIDENT WAS UNCOMFORTABLY CLOSE TO
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THE USIS READING ROOM, POST DOES NOT VIEW THE POLICE INCURSION AS DIRECTED AT USG OPERATIONS BUT RATHER AS PART OF GENERAL POLICE CAMPAIGN TO DISCOURAGE POLITICAL GATHERINGS. WHILE THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT A POLITICAL MEETING WAS TAKING PLACE, THE POLICE APPEAR TO BE MAKING AN EFFORT TO INTIMIDATE BLACK POLITICAL ACTIVITISTS.
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